

# The answers to almost any question you might have about the Dvorak keyboard.



You've read the stories about the Dvorak keyboard...how it works with you rather than against you, how it's much easier to learn, how it reduces fatigue and errors.

You're thinking about giving it a try. Now you have questions.

We're Seasoned Systems, Inc. We offer SureStroke, a software product that converts your PC's keyboard to Dvorak. We've put together this brochure to answer the questions we hear most often from our customers. We hope it answers your questions, but if it doesn't, call us at 800/334-5531.

#### **What exactly is it that you sell?**

SureStroke includes two pieces of software. One translates the keystrokes, one teaches you the Dvorak keyboard. You also get transfer letters for your keys, a self-motivation audio cassette, and a professionally produced manual.

#### **How does it work?**

You enter a command that loads the SureStroke Translator program into your computer's memory. The Translator captures your keystrokes so that while you are typing in Dvorak, your computer gets the correct letter.

#### **Does this translation slow down my computer?**

No. The Translator is written in assembler language and is small enough (less than half a K) that it won't affect your computer's operations.

#### **How do I get back to QWERTY?**

You switch the Translator on and off by pressing three specific keys. When it's on, you have the Dvorak keyboard. When it's off, you have the QWERTY keyboard.

#### **Is there a way for me to learn the keyboard?**

Absolutely. In fact, we have what a respected micro software manufacturer calls "the best typing teaching software we've ever seen."

We call it the Coach. You sign on, and it displays the Dvorak layout on your screen, along with a pair of hands. It gives you the letters to type, and waits. If you don't press a key after an instant or two, the finger you use to press that key lights up. Then the key for the letter on the keyboard lights up. You find yourself pressing the right key with the right finger almost automatically.

The Coach keeps track of your progress and gives you an individualized learning experience geared to your needs. Some call this feature "artificial intelligence". You'll find it a big help in becoming productive right away on the Dvorak keyboard.

#### **How long will it take me to learn Dvorak?**

About one-fourth the time it would take to learn QWERTY. Learning time varies from person to person. With Dvorak, though, you never hit those artificial boundaries to improvement that QWERTY throws up.

#### **Do I have to enter a command to start Dvorak every time I start my computer?**

No. Most people copy the Translator onto their DOS disk, and put a command to run it in an AUTOEXEC file on the DOS disk. Then every time you start your system, the Translator gets loaded automatically. (Complete directions are in the SureStroke manual.)

#### **Will it run with my spreadsheet (or word-processing, or database) software?**

Yes, SureStroke works alongside your other software. Once you've run the Translator program, you're in Dvorak. Use other software, write programs in BASIC or other languages, anything.

Footnote: The only exceptions are games that bypass DOS—usually for copy-protection reasons. When the only way to start the software is to press Ctrl-Alt-Del, you can't use SureStroke.

#### **Is it copy-protected?**

No. For SureStroke to be useful, you need a copy of the Translator on your DOS disk, or hard disk if you have one.

#### **What if I don't like it?**

If you get the package back to us within 30 days, we'll give you your money back.

#### **I'm getting the KeyTronic Dvorak keyboard. Anything for me?**

If you've got the KeyTronic Dvorak keyboard, congratulations. You're the owner of the ultimate Dvorak tool. And now you need to get the SureStroke Coach so you can learn that keyboard and take advantage of its power. The SureStroke Coach works beautifully with the KeyTronic Dvorak keyboard—in fact, we use one in our office.

If you're waiting on delivery of your KeyTronic Dvorak keyboard, go on and order SureStroke now. You'll be able to get started learning the Dvorak keyboard while you wait. And when your keyboard arrives, you can continue using the Coach with it.

#### **It's taken me 20 years to learn QWERTY. If I switch to Dvorak, will I lose QWERTY?**

Not if you use both keyboards regularly. Even if you use only Dvorak, you can still get back to QWERTY with a little adjustment time—similar to driving a stick-shift after you've been used to an automatic. We have customers who use Dvorak at home, QWERTY at the office.

#### **I share my computer with other people. What if they aren't interested in Dvorak?**

No problem. Put the transfer letters on the fronts of the keys so the Dvorak letters won't be on the same surface as the QWERTY ones. Switching the computer from Dvorak to QWERTY mode (and back) takes less than a second—press down three specific keys and you've got it.

#### **Is it really easy to pop off the keys?**

Yes. Our manual includes thorough directions. But even we were surprised to find a two-year-old holding a pencil perched next to one of our PC's, with a dozen keytops scattered around. We don't recommend this method, but it illustrates how easy it is to get them off.



### **I already know QWERTY. Why should I switch to Dvorak?**

Dvorak feels better to use. It improves accuracy. You don't feel fatigued after a long session at the keyboard. Dvorak complements your intelligence by working with you, not against you.

### **What's involved in installing the program the first time?**

We've made installation as easy as possible. For a two-drive machine, you start the process with one command, then follow the directions as they come on the screen. Time: about five minutes.

### **What about support?**

Fortunately, SureStroke needs almost no support. If you ever do run into trouble, call us. We support what we sell.

### **Do I have to run the Dvorak program every time I start a new application program?**

No. Once you've run the Translator, it stays resident in your computer's memory until you restart the system.

### **Will it work on my Compaq?**

SureStroke works with IBM clones such as Compaq, Corona, and Columbia.

On these machines, though, you can't switch the keycaps around because each row's keys have a different shape. We're working on getting replacement keycaps for these machines from the manufacturer. Meanwhile, you can use the transfer letters.

SureStroke will not work with so-called "MS-DOS" machines such as DEC Rainbow, TI, and so on.

### **What about the audio cassette? Does it have typing drills on it?**

No. Our audio cassette was designed to harness your unconscious resources by putting you in a relaxed frame of mind. Once you're relaxed, you'll hear suggestions to make it easier for you to learn Dvorak.

Some people love the cassette, some hate it. You can learn Dvorak with or without it. Give it a try and decide for yourself.

### **What does it cost?**

Our price of \$49.95 is an incredible bargain. You get two pieces of software, a three-ring binder containing a typeset manual, the audio cassette, and the press-on letters. Add \$3.95 for shipping.

### **What is Seasoned Systems?**

We're in business to provide quality software for the IBM PC. One of our principals has been writing systems software for twenty years. The other is a founder and former publications director of SAS Institute Inc., whose mainframe data analysis system SAS® consistently appears on the Dataplot Honor Roll.

### **Can I buy SureStroke from my dealer?**

Yes, you can have your dealer order it and buy it from him. Or you can order it directly from us.

If you're worried about buying mail-order software, we invite you to check us out. We'll be happy to refer you to satisfied customers.

### **How do I order SureStroke?**

Give us a call on our toll-free line, 800/334-5531 (in NC, 919/967-5818). We're here during business hours and many evenings and weekends. The line comes into our office, not to a commercial order service. If you have questions, we can answer them.

We take VISA, Mastercard, and American Express. Or mail us your check. We can also ship UPS COD for \$2.00 extra. We ship our orders UPS, and we try to get them out within 48 hours. For UPS Blue Label, add \$2.00; for UPS Next-Day Air, add \$10.00.

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